WW STATEMENT

Shifting gears on Iran – U.S. war continues

Stay Alert! U.S./Israeli war on Iran and decades of U.S. sanctions, sabotage and encirclement continue. Genocidal Israeli attacks in Gaza escalate.

Iran has succeeded in defending itself from planned U.S./Israeli destruction!

The surprise, unprovoked, massive Israeli bombing campaign on Iran, begun on June 13, killed Iran's top military commanders and scientists. President Donald Trump claimed credit. He publicly stated he had lured Iran into negotiations in order to carry out the surprise attack.

Despite the U.S. and Israel's hopes, Iran did not collapse. Iran had developed the technical/military capability to respond with devastating attacks on Israel.

The whole Iranian nation rallied and was able to hit back in self defense. Iran's missiles and drones succeeded in breaking through Israel's "Iron Dome."

The world cheered as Israel faced attacks it had never experienced. Key military installations were hit including the Ministry of Defense and a weapons research center, along with major energy and fuel centers in Haifa.

Desperate to reverse the crisis facing its vicious proxy state, the U.S. military directly intervened on June 21. The Air Force and the Navy bombed three centers where Iran had small nuclear energy facilities. This bombing also failed; the nuclear materials had already been removed.

The Trump administration once again confirmed, with the whole world watching, that U.S. imperialism is duplicitous in every announcement and every negotiation.

This U.S./Israeli attack was a desperate effort to break the Axis of Resistance. It failed! It was an effort to break apart the growing unity of the Global South and weaken the impact of BRICS. Instead, unity was reinforced!

The attack on Iran is only one stage in U.S. imperialism's continuing war for domination in West Asia. This is a protracted war where U.S. imperialism is steadily losing ground, politically, economically and now finally even on the military front. Its monstrous military machine is challenged.

Last night Trump ordered a ceasefire. This is not an end to U.S. wars in West Asia.

What do we do even if this "ceasefire" holds?

Where actions are already planned for the coming week, organizers should figure out what kind of speakout, street meeting or rally is still possible denouncing the continuing attacks on Palestine and the decades of U.S. sanctions and attacks on Iran.

Let's reinforce the unity of action that is emerging.

Now is the time to continue saying:

- End the U.S.-funded Israeli war on Palestine!
- End the decades of U.S. sanctions, assassinations and threats on Iran!
- Full solidarity with Iran and Palestine Resistance!
- It is right to resist U.S. imperialism! ☐

Hands off Iran, Palestine, and West Asia

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We call on all peoples of conscience throughout the world to take to the streets and march against the expansion of the Zionist-U.S. aggression from Palestine through Lebanon, Syria and Yemen to Iran. For 20 months the people of Palestine have been steadfast against the collective West's genocide of their people and theft of their land. In the face of a firm resistance, the U.S. and the Zionists had no choice but to expand the war into Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and now Iran. [read more: tinyurl.com/endorse628]

Initial list of sponsoring organizations:

United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC), BAYAN – Philippines, U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN), International Action Center (IAC), Popular Resistance, House of Latin America, Workers World Party (WWP), Bronx Anti-War Coalition, Syria Support Movement International (SSM), Chicago Antiwar Coalition (CAWC), Arab Group for Protection of Nature, Roots for Equity, Diaspora Pa'lante, Nidal Seattle, Resist US-Led War, Kliusang Magbibukid ng Pilipinas, Aotearoa Philippines Solidarity, International Women's Alliance, Veterans for Peace Chapter 55, US Peace Council, Socialist Action, Red Ant Collective, Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, Emegenetics, Peaceworks Brunswick ME, North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE), Al Quds Committee NY, Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace, Detroit Antiwar Committee, Jacksonville Palestine Solidarity Network, National Lawyers Guild International, Socialist Action Public Intellectuals for Social and Spare Change, Tariq el-Tahrir Youth and Student Network, MN Antiwar Committee

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Why Workers World defends Iran

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Why is it important for the worldwide movement to defend Iran? Is it because this country of 92 million people was recently bombed by the U.S.-backed Zionist regime of Israel on June 12, followed by the bombing of its three nuclear reactors by the Pentagon on June 22? Is it because Iran has had a decades long, consistent history of supporting, both in word and deed, the heroic Palestinian people resisting the fascist, apartheid occupation of their land and resources?

All of these reasons and more are but the tip of the iceberg in answering this fundamental question.

The material basis for defending Iran is not that its leadership is perfect in terms of all its policies; much of what is happening in Iran is rooted in its historical oppression first by British and then U.S. imperialism. Since the world is still dominated by a parasitical, profit-hungry, war-driven imperialist system, it is not surprising that no government is perfect.

The basis for WW's defense is that the Iranian people carried out an earth-shattering, anti-colonial revolution that began in the late 1970s and finally in February of 1979 swept away the brutal monarchical rule of Shah Reza Pahlavi, himself a client of U.S. imperialism put into power by the CIA in 1953.

That the clerics played such a leading role in this mass revolution does not negate its character as an anti-colonial social upheaval that rightfully restored control over oil and gas reserves to the Iranian masses. These resources had been stolen earlier by the then Anglo-Persian Oil Company, now BP, under the shah's rule.

Provoked when the U.S. welcomed and sheltered Shah Pahlavi, Iranian students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took 66 U.S. military and civilian personnel hostage on Nov. 4, 1979. They held 52 of them for 444 days until Jan. 20, 1981, when the revolution was consolidated. Since that time, Iran has used the oil and gas reserves on its own territory to build its technologically advanced civilian infrastructure and build a military to defend its population.

Since the victory of this revolution, the U.S. ruling class has been united behind Washington's efforts to overthrow the Iranian government, using economic sanctions, military interventions and assassinations of Iran's scientists and military leaders. This has been accompanied by outright demonization in the corporate media, which uses inflammatory, false characterizations such as "autocratic," "terrorist" and "hardliners."

All of the U.S. violations of Iran's right to sovereignty and independence are attempts to overthrow a government that has vowed to never succumb to regime change or imperialist threats and intimidations.

The Iranian government's defiance has inspired the masses — inside Iran, throughout the West Asian region and the Global South. Other sovereign countries that have gained the ire of Iran's imperialist enemies, including China, North Korea and Russia, have politically and materially sided with Iran against imperialism, because they have also been targeted for regime change.

The growing global admiration for Iran has imperialist Western powers like the U.S., Britain and elsewhere shaking in their boots because of growing antiwar sentiments amongst their own populations who are seeing their living standards plummeting due to their monies going to arm the Nazi-like, illegal state of Israel.

It's time for the working class in the imperialist countries to get off the sidelines and show solidarity in the streets with Iran, a nation that has a rich history of siding with the world's workers and the most oppressed. This will help weaken imperialism and bring us closer to the day when all of humanity is finally rid of this rotten, oppressive system. ☐

Protest in Tehran against U.S. bombing of Iran, June 22, 2025.

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